

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A communication method for a communication system wherein a personal communication device is configured for communication with a digital device, the method comprising:

storing a secret in a memory of the personal communication device prior to a user of the personal communication device ~~acquiring~~ being supplied with the personal communication device,

establishing communication between the personal communication device and the digital device,

requesting, by the digital device, the secret from the personal communication device,

requesting, by the personal communication device, confirmation from a user of the personal communication device that the secret can be provided, and

providing, by the personal communication device, the secret to the digital device only if the confirmation is provided by the user.

2. (Currently Amended) A communication method according to claim 1, in which the communication established is wireless communication,

wherein the method further comprises:

enabling the user of the personal communication device to provide a quick reference descriptor for the secret; and

displaying, on a display of the personal communication device, the secret and the quick reference descriptor, in response to the requesting made by the digital device, to enable the user to select an appropriate secret stored in the memory.

3. (Original) A communication method according to claim 1, in which the secret is encrypted in the memory and the method includes the step of decrypting the secret.

4. (Previously Presented) A communication method according to claim 3, in which the secret is encrypted according to a key provided by the digital device and in which the encrypted secret is not transmitted out to the digital device until an appropriate password is provided by the user to the personal communication device, at which time the encrypted secret is output to the digital device by way of the personal communication device.

5. (Previously Presented) A communication method according to claim 1, in which the confirmation comprises the user providing the secret.

6. (Previously Presented) A communication method according to claim 1, in which the requesting step comprises the digital device and the personal communication device establishing contact with each other and the personal communication device indicating to the user that a request for the secret has been received.

7. (Original) A communication method according to claim 6, in which the indicating step comprises providing an audible signal.

8. (Original) A communication method according to claim 6, in which the indicating step comprises providing a visual signal.

9. (Original) A communication method according to claim 1, in which the requesting step comprises providing to the user a selection of options of which at least one is to approve the request by selecting the relevant option.

10. (Original) A communication method according to claim 1, in which the memory stores a plurality of secrets and the method further comprises the step of the personal communication device providing a user with a plurality of secrets from which to select the secret to be provided to the digital device.

11. (Original) A communication method according to claim 1, in which the personal communication device comprises a cellular communication device.

12. (Original) A communication method according to claim 11, in which the personal communication device comprises a cellular telephone for voice calls.

13. (Original) A communication method according to claim 1, in which the digital device is a non-cellular device.

14. (Original) A communication method according to claim 13, in which the digital device comprises a modem for communication with the personal communication device.

15. (Currently Amended) A communication method for a communication system comprising a personal communication device, the personal communication device configured for communication with a digital device, the method comprising:

storing a secret in a memory of the personal communication device prior to a user of the personal communication device ~~acquiring~~ being supplied with the personal communication device,

receiving, by the personal communication device, a request for the secret from the digital device,

requesting, by the personal communication device, confirmation from a user of the personal communication device that the secret can be provided to the digital device so that the personal communication device can establish contact with the digital device,

indicating, by the personal communication device to the user, that a request for a secret has been received, and

providing the secret from the personal communication device to the digital device only if the confirmation is provided by the user.

16. (Currently Amended) A communication method for a communication system, the communication system comprising:

a personal communication device, the personal communication device comprising a memory in which a secret is stored prior to a user of the personal communication device ~~acquiring~~ being supplied with the personal communication device, and

a digital device capable of communication with the personal communication device, the method comprising:

establishing communication between the personal communication device and the digital device,

requesting, by the digital device, a secret from the personal communication device,

requesting, by the personal communication device, confirmation from a user of the personal communication device that the secret can be provided by:

providing the user with a selection of options of which at least one is to approve the request by selecting a relevant option, and

providing the secret from the personal communication device to the digital device only if the confirmation is provided by the user.

17. (Currently Amended) A communication system comprising:

a personal communication device, the personal communication device comprising a memory in which a secret is stored prior to a user of the personal communication device acquiring being supplied with the personal communication device, and

a digital device capable of communication with the personal communication device,

the personal communication device being configured so that upon the digital device requesting a secret from the personal communication device, the personal communication device requests confirmation from a user that the secret can be provided and provides the secret to the digital device only if the confirmation is provided by the user.

18. (Currently Amended) A communication system according to claim 17, in which the communication capable of being established between the personal communication device and the digital device, is wireless communication,

wherein the personal communication device comprises:

means for providing a quick reference descriptor for the secret that is input by the user; and

display means for displaying the secret and the quick reference descriptor, in response to the request for the secret made by the digital device, to enable the user to select an appropriate secret stored in the memory.

19. (Original) A communication system according to claim 17, in which the secret is encrypted in the memory and the digital device is capable of decrypting the secret.

20. (Previously Presented) A communication system according to claim 19, in which the secret is encrypted according to a key provided by the digital device and in which the encrypted secret is not transmitted out to the digital device until an appropriate password is provided by the user to the personal communication device, at which time the encrypted secret is output to the digital device by way of the personal communication device.

21. (Original) A communication system according to claim 17, in which the confirmation comprises the user providing a secret.

22. (Original) A communication system according to claim 17, in which to request the secret, the digital device is configured to establish contact with the personal communication device and the personal communication device is configured to indicate to the user that a request for a secret has been received.

23. (Original) A communication system according to claim 22, in which the indication comprises providing an audible signal.

24. (Original) A communication system according to claim 22, in which the indication comprises providing a visual signal.

25. (Original) A communication system according to claim 17, in which the personal communication device is configured whereby upon receipt of the request the personal communication device provides to the user a selection of options of which at least one is to approve the request by selecting the relevant option.

26. (Original) A communication system according to claim 17, in which the memory stores a plurality of secrets and the personal communication device is configured to provide a user with a plurality of secrets from which to select the secret to be provided to the digital device.

27. (Original) A communication system according to claim 17, in which the personal communication device comprises a cellular communication device.

28. (Original) A communication system according to claim 27, in which the personal communication device comprises a cellular telephone for voice calls.

29. (Original) A communication system according to claim 17, in which the digital device is a non-cellular device.

30. (Original) A communication system according to claim 17, in which the digital device comprises a modem for communication with the personal communication device.

31. (Currently Amended) A communication system comprising a personal communication device, the personal communication device comprising a memory in which a secret is stored prior to a user of the personal communication device ~~acquiring~~ being supplied with the personal communication device, and a digital device capable of communication with the personal communication device,

the personal communication device being configured so that upon the digital device establishing communications with the personal communication device and the digital device requesting a secret from the personal communication device, the personal communication device indicates to the user that a request for a secret has been received and the personal communication device is configured to request confirmation from a user that the secret can be provided and provides the secret to the digital device only if the confirmation is provided by the user.

32. (Currently Amended) A communication system comprising:

a personal communication device, the personal communication device comprising a memory in which a secret is stored prior to a user of the personal communication device ~~acquiring~~ being supplied with the personal communication device, and

a digital device configured for communication with the personal communication device, the personal communication device being configured so that upon the digital device requesting a secret from the personal communication device, the personal communication device requests confirmation from a user that the secret can be provided by providing to the user a selection of options of which at least one is to approve the request by selecting the

relevant option and provides the secret to the digital device only if the confirmation is provided by the user.

33. (Currently Amended) A personal communication device, the personal communication device comprising a memory in which is stored a secret prior to a user of the personal communication device ~~acquiring~~ being supplied with the personal communication device, the personal communication device being configured whereby upon receipt of a request for a secret from the personal communication device, the personal communication device requests confirmation from a user that the secret can be provided and transmits the secret only if the confirmation is provided by the user.

34. (Currently Amended) A personal communication device according to claim 33, in which the transmission is by wireless communication,

wherein the personal communication device comprises:

means for providing a quick reference descriptor for the secret that is input by the user; and

display means for displaying the secret and the quick reference descriptor, in response to the request for the secret made by the digital device, to enable the user to select an appropriate secret stored in the memory.

35. (Original) A personal communication device according to claim 33, in which the secret is encrypted in the memory.

36. (Presented Previously) A personal communication device according to claim 35, in which the secret is encrypted according to a key provided by the digital device and in which the personal communication device is not transmitted out to the digital device until an appropriate password is provided by the user to the personal communication device, at which time the encrypted secret is output to the digital device by way of the personal communication device.

37. (Previously Presented) A personal communication device according to claim 33, in which the confirmation comprises the user providing the secret.

38. (Original) A personal communication device according to claim 33, in which the personal communication device is configured whereby upon receipt of a request for a secret, the personal communication device indicates to the user that a request for a secret has been received.

39. (Original) A personal communication device according to claim 38, in which the indication comprises providing an audible signal.

40. (Original) A personal communication device according to claim 38, in which the indication comprises providing a visual signal.

41. (Original) A personal communication device according to claim 33, in which the personal communication device is configured whereby the user is provided with a selection of options of which at least one is to approve the request by selecting the relevant option.

42. (Original) A personal communication device according to claim 33, in which the memory stores a plurality of secrets and the personal communication device is configured to provide a user with a plurality of secrets from which to select the secret to be transmitted.

43. (Original) A personal communication device according to claim 33, in which the personal communication device comprises a cellular communication device.

44. (Original) A personal communication device according to claim 43, in which the personal communication device comprises a cellular telephone for voice calls.

45. (Currently Amended) A personal communication device, the personal communication device comprising a memory in which is stored a secret prior to a user of the personal communication device ~~acquiring~~ being supplied with the personal communication device, the personal communication device being configured whereby upon receipt of a request for a secret from the personal communication device, the personal communication device requests confirmation from a user that the secret can be provided and transmits the secret only if the confirmation is provided by the user the personal communication device

further comprising indicating apparatus whereby upon receipt of a request for the secret, the personal communication device indicates to the user that a request for a secret has been received.

46. (Currently Amended) A personal communication device, the personal communication device comprising a memory in which is stored a secret prior to a user of the personal communication device ~~acquiring~~ being supplied with the personal communication device, the personal communication device being configured so that upon receipt of a request for a secret from the personal communication device, the personal communication device requests confirmation from a user that the secret can be provided by providing the user with a selection of options of which at least one is to approve the request by selecting a relevant option and the personal communication device transmits the secret only if the confirmation is provided by the user.